

PRESS NOTE

1st Meeting of the State Skill Development Mission.

The Directorate General of Employment and Training under the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) Government of India in pursuance of excellence in Vocational Training has developed a new strategic framework for Skill Development in close consultation with Industry, State Governments and Experts.

Skill Development is concerned with imparting acquisition of knowledge, skill and attitudes. Skill development also contributes in enhancing individual's employability and ability to adapt to changing technologies and labour market demands, thereby improving living standards of the common man, productivity and competitiveness.

The Govt. of Goa has constituted the State Skill Development Mission under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to devise and monitor Skill Development in the State of Goa. The first meeting of the Skill Development Mission was held on 27th Jan. 2010 and was chaired by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa.

Shri Rajeev Verma, Secretary (Craftsmen Training), gave a brief overview of the purpose of constitution of Skill Development Mission.

In his presentation, the State Director of Craftsmen Training, who is also the Member Secretary of the Skill Development Mission, apprised the members about present status of the Skill Development Initiative and also about the future plan of action.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that drop-outs who have passed class V/VI/VII can avail of this opportunity to develop their skill through Skill Development Initiative Scheme of Govt. of India which offers around 1500 short-term courses. Existing skill of individuals can also be certified under this scheme.

The Chief Secretary has further suggested concentration on short-term courses in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture and Home-Nursing.

Representatives of CII and GCCI also attended the meeting. They agreed to carry out an exercise of mapping Industrial growth and corresponding skill requirement over a period of next 10 years. Chief Secretary requested them to make a skill gap analysis so that short term courses can be devised to bridge the gap.

All other State Government Departments, who are implementing Skill Development Programmes, have been asked to draw up action plans for future development and improvement.

It was decided to have the next meeting within the next 20 days to discuss the action plan of all the Departments conducting the Vocational Courses, collectively.
